

# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

April 25, 2014

### **VILLAGE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

F.L. Merrill Construction has begun mobilizing their equipment and installing construction signage for the Village Street Reconstruction Project in Penacook. Construction of some of the drainage components, from the bridge heading north to the Boscawen town line, will commence on or about April 28th. Commuters can expect delays as they travel through the construction work areas until the end of the construction season in November. Be sure to visit your local businesses, as they will remain open and accessible throughout the construction activities.



### **DOG LICENSING REMINDER**

The City Clerk's Office would like to remind dog owners that the deadline to license a dog is Wednesday, April 30th.

Per NH RSA 466:1, every owner or keeper of a dog, four months of age or older, must license said dog in the municipal clerk's office in the city or town in which the dog is kept. Licenses are effective from May 1st through April 30th of the subsequent year.

The City of Concord does not invoice residents for dog licenses. To be reminded of annual dog licensing, please visit [www.concordnh.gov](http://www.concordnh.gov), click on the "Notify Me" button, and follow the instructions to sign up for dog licensing renewal reminders. Residents may unsubscribe at any time.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 225-8500 or via e-mail at [cityclerk@concordnh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@concordnh.gov).

### **SPRING LEAF & GRASS COLLECTION**

This week kicked off the beginning of the City's Spring Leaf and Grass Collection Program. Those who participate in curbside trash collection can place unlimited leaves and grass clippings at the curb on their trash collection day in brown biodegradable yard waste bags or in labeled barrels weighing less than 50 pounds. Collection will take place through Saturday, May 31st. To learn more about Concord's Spring Leaf and Grass Collection Program, and where the yard waste goes, watch the General Services Department's new [YouTube](#) video, starring Solid Waste Manager Adam Clark. Be sure to subscribe to General Services' YouTube channel to see more videos!



### **NEW PAY-AS-YOU-THROW BAG VENDOR**



The General Services Department is pleased to announce a new vendor of Pay-As-You-Throw trash bags in the South End. Effective immediately, Rite Aid at 92 South Street is selling the purple bags.

### **NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**

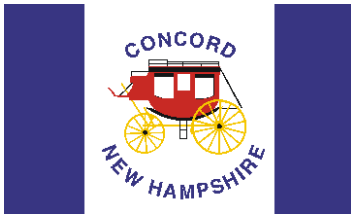


On **Saturday, April 26th**, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Concord Police Department will serve as a collection site for residents to dispose of their unwanted prescription medications.

Prescriptions can be anonymously dropped off at the Police Station and an officer will be available to assist and answer any questions.

The following items will not be accepted: IV solutions, injectables, syringes or other sharps, aerosols, or inhalers. No illegal drugs will be accepted.

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#### ADOPT-A-GRAVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Over the past several months, Cemetery Administrator Jill McDaniel has spoken to several civic groups regarding ongoing projects in the cemeteries.

In January, Jill spoke with the Concord Contemporary Women's Club about an Eagle Scout project, as well as about the Adopt-a-Grave program. The Eagle Scout Project involves placing street signs on the larger roads in Blossom Hill Cemetery and Concord Calvary Cemetery for ease of identifying and locating lots in the cemeteries. The Women's Club donated \$100 towards the Eagle Scout project and voted to accept the Adopt-a-Grave program as this year's fundraising project.

This month, Jill presented the Adopt-a-Grave program to the Concord Rotary Club and to the Concord Kiwanis Club. Jill received donations from both clubs to support the program.

To date, seven graves have been formally adopted, with another 21 pending. Many thanks to all those who have committed resources to these projects.

#### PARALLEL TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION

Work on the Parallel Taxiway at the Concord Municipal Airport continues. This past week, the limits of work were designated by installing silt fence. The snake survey was completed within the work area with no snake sightings. Continental Paving, Inc. will continue to strip loam in the work area and re-install the wildlife fencing. Taxiway excavation will begin next week at the most easterly end of the taxiway.



#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TOUR

Three Milford High School winners of the NH Department of Transportation's "TRAC" competition toured the Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Water Treatment Plant after building a record-setting bridge constructed of Popsicle sticks that had a strength-weight ratio that beat state records. The Transportation and Civil Engineering Program gives students a hands-on experience of designing bridges, roads and highways in New Hampshire. The tour provided insight to the students on the engineering that goes into designing, constructing and maintaining public facilities such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant, in addition to influencing their decision to study civil engineering.

#### PERFORMANCE GET AWAY AWARD

Human Resources Benefits Administrator **Robin Wirbal** is a recent recipient of the City's Performance Get Away Award for her lead role in coordinating this year's Wellness Fair. This type of event is often organized with a professional service that can dedicate 100% of the needed resources to coordinate the outside vendors, logistics of the day, marketing, etc. Robin took this on in addition to her already full plate, as the Human Resources Department works to coordinate an open dental bid, plan for open enrollment using new software, and deal with other day-to-day duties. The Wellness Fair was well received by employees, families of employees, retirees and the general public. Every vendor spot was sold out with a waiting list. This type of event coordination would have been very costly if an outside event planner had been used. As a reward for this cost savings, Robin will be granted four hours of time off.